

Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology

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North Carolina Technology Association

- Founded in 1993 as the statewide trade association for the information technology industry
- 750 member companies and organizations, including public and private sector (two-thirds headquartered in NC)
- Member companies employ over 150,000 North Carolinians
- 75% of member companies are small and medium sized businesses
- Three focus areas—Public Affairs, Executive Engagement, and Knowledge Workforce

NCTA's Public Affairs Advocacy

- *NCTA Supports Job Creation*

- Build tax structure to support job creation

- Encourage entrepreneurship

- Support military presence and defense and security related jobs

- *NCTA Supports Educational Excellence*

- Use technology to improve student performance

- Increase emphasis on STEM in education

- Train work force through UNC and community colleges

- *NCTA Supports Government Efficiency*

- Support State IT structure, funding and procurement to be effective and efficient

- Fund up-to-date State government technology

Limitation of liability in State IT contracts

- State CIO has broad authority over IT procurement *GS 143B-1323*
- State's standard RFP form limits vendor liability to two times the contract's value—

<http://it.nc.gov/document/request-proposal-rfp-form>

- Many states have provisions permitting a limitation of liability in IT contracts

Guiding principles on liability limitation

- Seek to attract qualified bidders with equitable contract terms
- Encourage competition by incenting multiple bidders to participate